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← This operation was conducted by the 2d and 3d Brigades, 25th Infantry Division, in HAU NGHIA, TAY NINH, and BINH DUONG Provinces to locate and destroy the 101st North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Regiment which was reported to be located in the HOBO - BOI LOI WOODS and TRAPEZOID areas. The unexpected presence of a main force unit operating near CU CHI is partially explained by the fact that a rich rice harvest was in progress and the 101st NVA Regiment was present to secure and over-see the transportation of the rice to the North. Numerous small unit actions, which included armor-infantry S&D operations, combined reconnaissance intelligence platoon (CRIP), aerial combat assaults on Landing Zones (LZ's) based on intelligence reports, and multi-battalion airmobile combat assaults were conducted.

during CAMDEN. The 3d Brigade, who was operating in the TRAPEZOID area, used mostly company size airmobile combat assaults for interdictory purposes to stop the VC forces exfiltrating in front of the mechanized infantry S&D operations. The 2d Brigade operating in the HOBO - BOI LOI WOODS, used tank-infantry teams and multi-battalion airmobile combat assaults for S&D operations. VC losses in personnel were 109 KIA (BC) and 4 POW's. The VC also suffered the destruction of several base camp areas and the loss of nearly 33 tons of rice. US forces experienced 27 KIA, 1 died of wounds (DOW), and 118 WIA. Also noteworthy was the massing of combat power from operation YELLOWSTONE for this operation when the 3d Brigade and several artillery batteries joined with the 2d Brigade for operation CAMDEN.

SOURCE: ORLL, 25th Infantry Division, January 1968